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Letter dated 5 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour, in my capacity as Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries in New York, to transmit to you, in your capacity as President of the Security Council, a copy of the statement of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries in New York concerning the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, dated 6 July 2006 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council and circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Hamidon** Ali
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Annex to the letter dated 5 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement in New York concerning the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in New York met at the Ambassadorial level on 6 July 2006 to consider the deteriorating situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, as a result of the Israeli military operations.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau *reaffirmed* the continued validity of Security Council resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 446 (1979), 1322 (2000), 1397 (2002), 1402 (2002), 1403 (2002), 1435 (2002), 1515 (2003) and 1544 (2004).

The NAM Coordinating Bureau *further reaffirmed* the applicable rules and principles of international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law, in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau *expressed* its grave concern at the continued deterioration of the situation on the ground in the Palestinian Territory occupied by Israel since 1967, including East Jerusalem, during recent weeks, particularly as a result of the excessive and indiscriminate use of force by Israel, the occupying Power, which has caused extensive loss of civilian Palestinian life and injuries, including among children.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau *condemned* the large scale military assault being carried out by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Gaza Strip, which has caused vast destruction of Palestinian property and civilian infrastructure, and *condemned also* the arrest and detention of democratically elected Palestinian officials.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau *requests* the Security Council to act promptly in order to:

1. *Demand* that Israel, the occupying Power, immediately cease its aggression against the Palestinian civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, immediately withdraw its forces to positions outside the Gaza Strip and release all of the Palestinian officials it has detained;

2. *Acknowledge with appreciation* all efforts aimed at finding a diplomatic solution for the issue of the release of prisoners, including the Israeli soldier;

3. *Call upon* Israel, the occupying Power, to scrupulously abide by its obligations and responsibilities under the Geneva Convention relative to the protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War 12 August 1949;

4. *Emphasize* the need to preserve the institutions of the Palestinian National Authority and Palestinian infrastructure and properties;

5. *Express* grave concern about the dire humanitarian situation of the Palestinian people and call for the provision of emergency assistance to them;

6. *Condemns* the Israeli violation of Syrian airspace, which constitutes a threat to regional stability and international peace and security.

In that regard, the NAM Coordinating Bureau *further called upon* the international community, including the Quartet, to take immediate steps, including confidence building measures between the parties, with the objective of resuming peace negotiations and restarting the peace process, *bearing in mind* the recent agreement reached among the Palestinian parties for national reconciliation, which facilitates the path towards the resumption of negotiations and the peace process.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau will remain seized of this important issue and will meet again to evaluate the developments in this regard.

New York, 6 July 2006